



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 20, 2016
Schedule 5**

PLEASE NOTE: January 26 – Bill request deadline.
February 12 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 11.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 20, 2016

HB 112 Delegate Jackson, et al

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES – ACTIVITY AND FORFEITURE OF SALARY

Authorizing a campaign finance entity to make a disbursement to compensate a responsible officer of the campaign finance entity only by check; requiring the treasurer of an authorized candidate campaign committee to provide specified individuals with a copy of a specified bank statement within 30 days of filing a campaign finance report; requiring, under specified circumstances, a campaign finance entity to submit specified documentation to the State Board of Elections before making a disbursement for specified compensation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, §§ 13-220(d) and 13-334 - amended and §§ 13-220(e) and 13-248 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

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HB 113 Delegate Carr, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR LYMPHEDEMA DIAGNOSIS, EVALUATION, AND TREATMENT**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified health insurance benefits under specified insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for the medically necessary diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of lymphedema, including equipment, supplies, complex decongestive therapy, gradient compression garments, and self-management training and education; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 15-850 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 114 Delegate Tarlau, et al**HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – CALCULATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

Altering specified limitations on a homeowner's combined net worth and gross income amount for purposes of determining eligibility for the homeowners' property tax credit; altering the computation of the credit; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TP, § 9-104(h) and (k)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 115 Delegate Reznik, et al**EDUCATION – ROBOTICS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Robotics Grant Program to provide grants to public schools in the State to support and expand existing robotics programs; establishing eligibility requirements for the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the State budget an appropriation of at least \$500,000 to the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-121 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 116 Delegate O'Donnell, et al**MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ADJUSTMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that specified motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TG, § 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 117 Delegate Barron**STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR
PHARMACISTS – PROOF OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH**

Providing that, for applicants for a license to practice pharmacy, graduation from specified schools is acceptable proof of proficiency in the oral communication of the English language.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HO, § 12-302(g) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 118 Delegate Korman, et al**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – HIGHWAY WORK
PERMITTEES – NOTICE OF SIDEWALK CLOSURE**

Requiring a person that obtains a specified permit from the State Highway Administration that authorizes a sidewalk to be closed or that does the work associated with the permit to post a notice at the work site stating the expected period during which the sidewalk will be closed and the contact information for the person to whom the permit was issued or by whom the work is done.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 8-646 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 119 Delegate Reznik**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – LICENSING EXEMPTION –
PHYSICIANS WITH TRAVELING ATHLETIC AND SPORTS TEAMS**

Authorizing specified physicians, under specified circumstances, to practice medicine in the State without a license issued by the State Board of Physicians and without submitting to a criminal history records check while providing medical care to an athletic team's or a sports team's members, band members, cheerleading squad, mascot, coaches, and other staff; requiring that specified physicians can only provide medical care in the State for a maximum of 45 days in a calendar year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HO, § 14-302 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 120 Delegate Krimm, et al**STATE BUDGET – DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT –
STATEMENT OF DEDICATED STATE FUNDS**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to publish on the Department of Budget and Management's Web site a specified itemized statement, linked to the proposed State budget, of revenues collected by the State that are dedicated by law to a special fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SF, § 7-107 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 121 Delegate Carozza, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – FALSE STATEMENT CONCERNING DESTRUCTIVE
DEVICE OR TOXIC MATERIAL – VENUE**

Adding an additional venue in which a person may be prosecuted for a false statement concerning a destructive device or toxic material.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 9-504(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 122 Delegate Stein (Chair, Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Areas)

CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION FOR THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS – MEMBERSHIP FROM OCEAN CITY

Authorizing the Mayor of Ocean City to appoint a designee of the Mayor as a member of the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

NR, § 8-1804(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 123 Delegate Lafferty

PROPERTY TAX – CREDITS FOR PROPERTY IN NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION AREA

Establishing a property tax credit against the State property tax imposed on specified real property located in a neighborhood conservation area under specified circumstances; establishing the amount of the property tax credit, subject to a specified limitation; and requiring that specified properties be purchased from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2021, to qualify for a specified county or municipal corporation property tax credit for specified owner-occupied, residential real property in designated areas; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 9-110 - added and § 9-255 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 124 Delegate Hammen

HEALTH INSURANCE – LARGE EMPLOYERS – DISCLOSURE OF AGGREGATE INCURRED CLAIMS

Requiring a health insurance carrier to disclose the aggregate incurred claims of the group to a large employer if the carrier is experience rating the large employer's health benefit plan; requiring the disclosure of the aggregate incurred claims be made in a specified format, at the time new premium rates are provided to the large employer, and within 30 days after a request from the large employer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

IN, § 15-1411 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 125 Charles County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – INDIAN HEAD CENTER FOR THE ARTS RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$130,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Indian Head Center for the Arts, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Indian Head Center for the Arts, located in Charles County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 126 Delegates Carozza and Otto**WORCESTER COUNTY – RECYCLING AT SPECIAL EVENTS – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting Worcester County from a requirement to revise its recycling plan by a specified date to address recycling at special events; and exempting Worcester County from specified requirements regarding recycling at special events.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, §§ 9-1703(g) and 9-1712 - amended and § 9-1703(h) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 127 Delegate Reznik, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – GAMING – HOME GAMES**

Allowing an individual who is at least 21 years old to conduct a home game involving wagering if the home game is conducted in a specified manner; and limiting to \$2,000 the amount of money or tokens representing money that may be wagered.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 12-115 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 128 Delegate Jackson**PUBLIC UTILITIES – TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO MULTIFAMILY DWELLING UNIT – NOTIFICATION TO PROPERTY MANAGER**

Requiring a public service company that is going to terminate electric or gas service to a customer who resides in a multifamily dwelling unit to notify the property manager of the multifamily dwelling unit before terminating service.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 7-307.3 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 129 Delegate Carr, et al**STAGGERED ELECTION TERMS – CHARTER COUNTY COUNCILS**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution authorizing a charter county to enact legislation to stagger the terms of office for the members of the county council of the county; providing that some members of the county council of a charter county may be elected at the presidential general election and some members may be elected at the gubernatorial general election; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XVII, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 130 Delegate Carr, et al**LOBBYING – LEGISLATIVE UNIT MEALS AND RECEPTIONS – PUBLICATION OF REPORT (GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLINE SOCIAL CALENDAR)**

Requiring the Department of Legislative Services to post on the Web site of the General Assembly a legislative unit registration report that includes information on specified meals and receptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 5-709 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 131 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**COMMERCIAL LAW – NONDISPARAGEMENT CLAUSES IN CONSUMER CONTRACTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a contract or a proposed contract for the sale or lease of consumer goods or services from including a provision waiving the consumer's right to make a specified statement; prohibiting a person from threatening or seeking enforcement of a specified contract provision; prohibiting a person from penalizing a consumer for making a specified statement; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, § 14-1325 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 132 Delegate Lafferty, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANS**

Requiring State agencies that own or manage property or land, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to establish specified pollinator habitat plans by July 1, 2017; requiring specified State agencies to implement pollinator habitat plans on or before July 1, 2018, and to make the pollinator habitat plans available on the State agency's Web site by September 1, 2017; requiring specified State agencies to report to specified committees of the General Assembly by January 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AG, § 2-1701 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 133 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT – FILING DATE**

Altering the date by which Charles County is required to file a specified financial report with the Department of Legislative Services and report the results of a specified audit with the Legislative Auditor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, § 16-304 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 134 Delegate Holmes**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – GROUND LEASES – NOTICES OF DEFAULT**

Requiring a ground lease holder in a specified period of time to send a copy of a specified notice of ground lease payment default and a specified statement regarding the curing of the default to any holder of record of a secured interest in the property that is subject to the ground lease.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, § 8-807(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 135 Delegates Atterbeary and Turner**ANNUAL REPORTS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY REPORTS – FEES, EXEMPTION, AND AFFIDAVIT**

Altering the fee that specified business entities must pay for filing a required annual report with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; exempting a person who did not own specified property during the preceding calendar year from submitting a report on personal property to the Department; requiring the person to submit an affidavit attesting that the person has no tax liability for the taxable period to the Department on or before April 15; specifying the form and contents of the affidavit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CA, § 1-203(b)(3)(ii) - amended and § 1-203(b)(3)(iii) and (iv) - added and TP, §§ 11-101 and 11-103(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 136 Delegates Stein and A. Washington**STATE GOVERNMENT – FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND CAPABILITY COMMISSION – COMPOSITION**

Altering the composition of the Financial Education and Capability Commission to include one representative of a nonprofit organization in the State that provides financial assistance and free financial education to State residents for postsecondary education.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 9-803 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 137 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – TAXING DISTRICTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS – REPEAL OF RESTRICTION**

Repealing a specified restriction on the exercise of authority granted to Charles County to establish taxing districts for specified infrastructure improvements.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, § 21-521 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 138 Delegate Hixson, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PLACEMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES WITHIN THE EDUCATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding where library services should be located within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 139 Delegate Hixson, et al**TOBACCO TAX – PREMIUM CIGARS – RATE**

Altering the tobacco tax rate on premium cigars from 15% to 7.5%; and providing for the termination of the Act after 5 years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 12-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 140 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**SECURITY SYSTEMS TECHNICIANS AND AGENCIES – FEES AND SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Increasing the amount of the application fee from \$150 to \$250 for a license to engage in the business of providing security systems services; requiring a specified applicant to pay specified fees relating to a criminal history records check; altering the amount of the processing fee for a specified applicant for a specified license; altering the amount of a specified license renewal fee; altering the amount of a specified registration application fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

BOP, §§ 18-303, 18-307, 18-3A-03, 18-3A-07, and 18-701 and SG, § 8-403(b)(52) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 141 Delegate Luedtke, et al**EDUCATION – EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM – LIMITS ON TESTING**

Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations limiting the amount of time in the aggregate that may be devoted to federal, State, and locally mandated tests for each grade to 2% of the specified minimum required annual instructional hours; and prohibiting time devoted to teacher–selected classroom quizzes and exams, portfolio reviews, or performance assessments from being counted toward the specified testing time limits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-203(h) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 142 Delegate Hixson, et al**EDUCATION – HEALTH AND SAFETY – EMOTIONAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMS**

Requiring specified local school systems to implement a specified program of emotional health awareness for specified individuals and to implement a specified program to provide specified student athletes and coaches with specified tools; authorizing specified local school systems to use specified materials and collaborate with organizations with expertise in emotional health or transforming the culture of youth sports; and requiring the State Department of Education to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-438 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 143 Delegate Hammen, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – CREATIVE ALLIANCE PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$600,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Fells Point Creative Alliance, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Creative Alliance facility, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 144 Delegate Hixson, et al**LIBRARIES – REGIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY – FUNDING**

Altering the calculation of specified funding for each participating regional resource center, the State Library Resource Center, and each county public library system for specified fiscal years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 23-205 and 23-503 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 145 Delegate Hixson**PUBLIC SCHOOL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD – RENEGOTIATION PROCEDURES AND ADMINISTRATION**

Authorizing a public school employer and an employee organization to use a specified alternative procedure regarding the renegotiation of specified allocated funds under specified circumstances; requiring the Attorney General to assign an assistant Attorney General to provide legal services to the Public School Labor Relations Board, the Higher Education Labor Relations Board, and the State Labor Relations Board; requiring the chair of the Public School Labor Relations Board to be a specified member of the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 6-401(b-1) and 6-501(c-1) - added and §§ 6-408.1, 6-511, 6-803(c), 6-805, and 6-806 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 146 **Delegate M. Washington (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al**

BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a specified property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a specified dwelling in Baltimore City that is owned by a specified public safety officer under specified circumstances; providing that the credit may not exceed \$2,500 and may not be granted to more than one public safety officer per dwelling; prohibiting a specified recipient of the property tax credit from receiving specified other property tax credits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 9-304(i) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 147 **Delegate Otto**

SOMERSET COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2016 EDITION – LEGALIZATION

Legalizing the 2016 Edition of the Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 148 **Delegate Otto**

SOMERSET COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Somerset County from not less than \$60,000 to not less than \$75,000; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 2-309(u)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 149 Delegate Otto**SOMERSET COUNTY – COMMISSIONERS – SALARY AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS**

Altering the salary of the County Commissioners of Somerset County from \$7,500 to \$8,500 for each Commissioner and from \$8,500 to \$9,500 for the President; altering the limit on reimbursements that each Commissioner may receive for specified expenses from \$2,500 to \$3,000; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of Somerset County, Art. 20, § 2-101 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 150 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2017)**

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 151 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2016, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, AND 2015**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,002,385,000, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Various Chapters of Various Years, Various Sections - amended and repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 152 Delegate Otto**SOMERSET COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY**

Altering the salary of the State’s Attorney of Somerset County from \$98,000 to \$101,000; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 15-420 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 153 Delegate Cluster**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS – TIME PERIOD FOR FILING ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES – REDUCTION**

Reducing from 1 year to 90 days the period of time under the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights during which a law enforcement agency may file administrative charges against a law enforcement officer after becoming aware of an act giving rise to a charge for those acts not involving criminal activity or excessive force.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-106 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 154 Delegate Cluster**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING – REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS AND FEES**

Requiring under the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights that a hearing board award specified costs and fees, including attorney’s fees, to a law enforcement officer after a finding of not guilty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-108(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary